Ozone layer in South India

3514. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Ozone Layer in South India is deplated due to enivironmental pollution;

(b) if so, what Corrective environmental steps are being taken; and

(c) what further steps are being taken to educate the people of the area on pereventive measures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) There is no evidence of depletion of Ozone Layer over part of India.

(c) and (b) Do not arise.

Pending projects for environmental clearance

3515. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of projects in various sectors (sector-wise and State-wise) which are pending with the Environment Ministry for clearance ;

(b) what are the reasons for their not being cleared by the Ministry ;

(c) steps taken for the expeditious clearance of these projects ;

(d) whether any built-in-mechanism has been developed to cut delays in clearance of projects ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) A statement is enclosed. (*see* below)

(b) Complete Environmental Information and Environmental Management Plans are not available with respect to the projects listed in the statement. Projects can be assessed only after receipt of the required environmental data and action plans.

(c) to (e) The Ministry has developed guidelines and questionnaires with regard to Environmental Impact Assessment for different sectors. These are made available to project authorities in advance and whenever clarification is sought for, the same is provided.

Statement

Number of Projects pending as on 29-2-92

S.No.	State/Union Territory	Development Sector					
		Mining	Thermal Power	Industry	River Valley	Others	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Andhra Pradesh	5	—	1	—	3	9
2	Assam	—	—	1	—	—	1
3	Bihar	9	—	—	—	—	9
4	Gujarat	—	1	1	2	—	4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5	Haryana	—	1	3	—		4
6	Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	1	—	1	2
7	Karnataka	—	1	2	—	1	4
8	Kerala	—	1	—	—	1	2
9	Madhya Pradesh	3	—	1	2	—	6
10	Maharashtra	1	—	2	—	—	3
11	Orissa	2	—	2	—	2	6
12	Rajasthan	1	1	1	—	1	4
13	Sikkim	—	—	—	1	—	1
14	Tamil Nadu	—	1	1	—	—	2
15	Uttar Pradesh	—	—	4	1	—	5
16	West Bengal	3	—	1	—	1	5
17	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	—	—	—	—	10	10
18	Delhi	—	2	—	—	—	2
19	Inter-state projects (Off Shore/ pipeline projects)	—	—	4	—	—	4
	TOTAL	24	8	25	6	20	83

Hazardous Chemical Industries in Madhya Pradesh

3516. SHR SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central and Madhya Pradesh Governments have decided to undertake regular audit of safety and environment conservation measures being adopted in hazardous chemical industries in the State of Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) the details of such hazardous industries have so far been audited after the decision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (c) The Central Government have notified rules under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 which make it incumbent upon polluting units as well as industries handling hazardous wastes to submit an environmental audit report every year beginning from the the financial year ending 31-3-1993. No specific industries of Madhya Pradesh or any other State have been mentioned in the notification.